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Prior to initiation of prosecution of the above-identified application, applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method of determining the copy protection features of a program, and notifying a potential user of the program of these features, is provided. The copy protection features of the program first are analyzed. On the basis of this analysis, a message such as "this program cannot be recorded with IEEE1394, optical digital audio" is displayed to the user. By displaying such a message, the user can easily recognize that

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